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SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational  
SPECIFIC: Hungarian Emigre Activities  
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Source: [ ]

1. We had a visit on 15 July from [ ] who had returned from Germany after collecting his family and bringing them back with him to spend a month's holiday. Source's address in Munich is: In care of IRO, Subsection for Volunteer Societies, Bismarckstrasse 20 and 332, Munich-Pasing. As you know, Source represents the World Council of Churches with IRO.

2. Source devoted his time to belaboring two of his favorite themes:

a. The support given to former Hungarian pro-Nazis by the Western Powers and the use of these Hungarians for intelligence work.

b. The dissatisfaction of certain democratic Hungarians engaged in intelligence in having to work with Germans (OBER) rather than directly with Americans.

3. Source volunteered the following information on Hungarian emigre activities:

a. Several months ago General SZAKO set up an organization of former Hungarian Army officers located in Austria and Germany to engage in intelligence work. SZAKO, based in Innsbruck, was to handle the Austrian end with a deputy in Germany. The latter is Col. Ferenc ROSZ, US, living in Eggen, described as a famous but modest officer whose Panzer Division safeguarded Regent HORTHY from the

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Nazis in July 1944. In order to avoid political squabbling, SZAKO's group was to comprise both former pro-Nazi and former members of the Hungarian Resistance, and an executive committee was established consisting of three men from each of these two factions. Representing the former Resistance were:

Captain Ladislaus ~~ESSENYI~~, General Staff, located in Munich (has recently gone to the U.S.)

Major Ladislaus KOVACS, General Staff, located in Munich

Major Ferenc KOVACS, General Staff, located in Nonthoven

Representatives who were formerly pro-Nazi comprised:

Capt. (or Major) Antal RADNOCZI, located in Amzon, of German origin

Capt. Miklos KORPONAY, originally KREUZ, of German origin, located in Innsbruck

Lt. Col. (?) ~~WEDGYESI~~, fnu, located in Innsbruck

b. The executive committee of SZAKO's organization existed only on paper, never met, and has since disintegrated. The reins of control are now solely in the hands of the former pro-Nazis, to whose list have been added Colonel Lajos (?) WADAS, located in Innsbruck, former Arrow Crosser and Nazi collaborator, and Captain (or Lt.) DARNOKI, originally DANZINGER, of German origin. [ ] believes this group is operating in and from Innsbruck on behalf of the French.

c. According to Source, these former pro-Nazis, who have the ear of the Western intelligence and security services, are prone to denounce as Communists former members of the Resistance. Captain ESSENYI had considerable difficulty in clearing his name with CIC and the American Consulate in Munich in order to obtain his visa because of these false denunciations.

d. Ferenc KOVACS, who apparently had been working for ODESSA, has recently been given notice by his German

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control. [ ] now knows of only two Hungarian groups working for the Americans; one being run out of Salzburg by RINGEN of CIO and one out of Amazon of Germany under the direction of former Hungarian Colonel Strohl MODOSY.

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